Public Hearing Summary Improvements on MO 47 south of Warrenton at Hopewell Hill

The public hearing for the Improvements to MO 47 south of Warrenton at Hopewell Hill was held in Warrenton, MO on Tuesday, October 30 from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Warrenton Fire Protection District Station located at 26625 South Highway 47. Approximately eleven property owners were mailed certified letters informing them of the public hearing. Advertisements were placed in the Warren County Record and the Washington Missourian. An e-update (email) was sent to 404 Warren County subscribers informing them of the hearing.

Plans and maps were available for participants to view which included "Proposed Realignment-Hopewell Hill", "Highway 47 Safety Improvements", and maps of two alternative improvements considered which were "Alternative-Soften Curves" and "Alternative-Widen Existing". In addition, an informational handout was provided both at the public hearing and online for the virtual meeting. All displays and information available at the public meeting were available online at www.modot.org/northeast under the Warren County link.

Eight MoDOT Northeast District staff answered questions including Paula Gough, District Engineer; Erik Maninga, Area Engineer; Chris Knapp, Transportation Project Manager; and other members from the design, right of way and customer relations team.

Sixty people attended including seven of the eleven property owners affected by the project, and several members of the Coventry and Aspenhof subdivisions near the project. There were 231 visitors to the Virtual Meeting web page from October 30 through November 14.

Ten comments were received from the traditional public hearing; nine comments were received from the virtual meeting. Engineers are studying all the suggestions provided and hope to decide on a final design next year.